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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 5729

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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA

REF: VIENTIANE 5702

1. IF SOUVANNA MAINTAINS HIS CURRENT RATE OF RECOVERY AND NO COMPLICATIONS ARISE THIS WEEK, DR. KLIKS AND HIS TEAM SHOULD BE ABLE TO DEPART VIENTIANE FOR CLARK ON JULY 29. BY SETTING A JULY 29 DEPARTURE DATE THE OTHER TEAMS WOULD BE ABLE TO LEAVE DURING THE WEEK WITH KLIKS AND THE THAI REMAINING THROUGH THE WEEK-END. DR. KLIKS WILL RAISE THE SUBJECT AT TONIGHT'S MEDICAL CONFERENCE AND WE BELIEVE THE PLAN WILL BE AGREEABLE TO THE OTHER PHYSICIANS, THE FAMILY, AND THE PGNU.

2. DR. KLIKS MEDICAL ASSESSMENT FOLLOWS: THE PAST 48
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HOURS (UP TO 2400 JULY 21) HAVE BEEN VERY STABLE WITH

THE PRIME MINISTER REMAINING AFEBRILE AND COUGHING LESS. THERE ARE ONLY A FEW RALES AT THE LEFT BASE AND THE PRESYSTOLIC GALLOP CAN NO LONGER BE HEARD. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF HEART FAILURE OR THROMBOPHLEBITIS. THE INTRAVENOUS HEPARIN AND LINCOCIN WILL BE CONTINUED FOR ABOUT 72 HOURS MORE. ORAL ANTICOAGULATION WITH COUMADIN IN LOW DOSAGE WAS BEGUN THE EVENING OF JULY 20. THE EKG SHOWS LESS ST SEGMENT ELEVATION IN THE MID PRECORDIAL LEADS WITH FURTHER TERMINAL T WAVE INVERSION. THE ST SEGMENTS INFERIORLY HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL. NO ARRHYTHMIA HAS BEEN DETECTED IN EIGHT FULL DAYS OF MONITORING; THE MONITOR LEADS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE PATIENT AS OF A.M. JULY 22, BUT THE EQUIPMENT WILL REMAIN IN THE ROOM UNTIL THE TEAM LEAVES.

3. THE CONSENSUS OF THE ENTIRE MEDICAL GROUP IS TO ALLOW HIM TO ENGAGE IN GREATER ACTIVITY VERY CAUTIOUSLY, E.G. TO READ THE NEWSPAPERS. IT IS ALSO THE MEDICAL OPINION OF THE GROUP THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BECOME ENGAGED IN DISCUSSING ANY GOVERNMENT BUSINESS, ALTHOUGH THE DOCTORS RECOGNIZE THAT AS THE CRISIS STAGE PASSES, PRESSURES TO INVOLVE HIM IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS WILL MOUNT.
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